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SUBJECT: MEETING

WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD SEPTEMBER 7

I CALLED ON PRINCE FAHD IN TAIF SEPTEMBER 7 AT MY REQUEST, AS I WISHED TO JUDGE EFFECT OF PRESIDENT'S RECENT LETTER TO KING. PRINCE FAHD EMPHASIZED THAT KING WAS PLEASED AT CONTENTS OF LETTER AND UNDERSTOOD EFFORT PRESIDENT IS MAKING TO PRESERVE OUR GOOD RELATIONS. I WENT OVER GENERAL STATUS OF PROPOSALS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT. HE DID NOT SPEND MUCH TIME ON SUBJECT ASIDE FROM STRESSING USEFULNESS OF LETTER AT THIS JUNCTURE. HE DID BRING UP ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURES

SAYING THAT SAUDIS HAVE NO INTENTION OF PLAYING INTO HANDS OF THEIR OPPONENTS BY TELLING AMERICANS THEY MUST AGREE TO THIS OR THAT ANTI-ZIONIST OR ANTI-JEWISH ACTION. SAUDIS WILL TRY TO CONTINUE THEIR CLOSE NATURAL ASSOCIATION WITH AMERICANS

AND THEY WILL MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT THOSE WITH WHOM THEY WISH TO TRADE AS UNITED STATES IS DOING WITH CUBA AND, FORMERLY, WITH CHINA. HE SAID IT MUST BE THE QUALITY OF MODERATION IN THE SAUDI ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM WHICH CAUSED ZIONIST SUPPORTERS IN THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE SAUDI ARABIA A SPECIAL TARGET IN ARMS AND BOYCOTT MATTERS. SAUDI ARABIA, THE CP STATES, IS THE MOST PACIFIC STATE THE ARAB WORLD, HAS NEVER TAKEN UP ARMS AGAINST ANYONE. THE SAUDIS KNOW THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS A REALITY

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AND THAT ISRAEL HAS INTERNATIONAL STATUS. BUT THEY WILL NOT
YIELD DO SOME THINGS. THE BOYCOTT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE ARAB
LANDS LOST IO 1967 ARE RETURNED.
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